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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received notification of the resignation of Eihab Omaish (Jordan) from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 10 February 2017. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the term of office of Mr. Omaish, which expires on 31 December 2018.

2. The Government of Jordan has nominated Mutaz Hyassat to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Omaish.

3. In a communication dated 15 February 2017, the Secretariat was informed by the Chair of the Group of Asia-Pacific States that the candidature of Mr. Hyassat had been endorsed by the Group.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Mutaz Hyassat (Jordan)

In August 2013, Mutaz Hyassat took up his duties as legal adviser and Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations in Vienna. He led and supervised a team of the Permanent Mission in conducting effective multilateral diplomacy with international organizations in Vienna, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. He also covered many expert and working groups, including the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Mr. Hyassat currently serves as a Vice-President of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (eighth session).

Prior to his assignment in Vienna, Mr. Hyassat served as the Director of the Legal Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates and the Chair of Jordan's national technical committee for the implementation of Security Council resolution No. 1373 (2001) and other relevant resolutions relating to countering terrorism. His responsibilities included providing legal advice, drafting agreements and preparing legal opinions pertaining to relations with States, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other legal entities. He was also a member of the human resources committee of the Ministry.

From 2011 to 2012, Mr. Hyassat served as Deputy Director of both the Cabinet of the Foreign Minister and the Human Rights Department of the Ministry. He was charged principally with writing position papers and statements and coordinating the preparation and the presentation of national reports to human rights treaty bodies.

From 2007 to 2011, Mr. Hyassat worked at the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations Office at Geneva. He was heavily involved in the work of the Permanent Mission in the Human Rights Council, and he coordinated Jordan's membership therein. He also covered other areas, related to refugees, disarmament and humanitarian issues. Prior to his Geneva posting, from 2006 to 2007, he was in charge of multilateral issues in the Cabinet of the Foreign Minister, and he served as a member and rapporteur of the interministerial committee tasked with following projects related to the peace process.

In 2001, Mr. Hyassat assumed his post at the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations in New York. For five years, he covered the work of the Third Committee and the Economic and Social Council, as well as Security Council counter-terrorism resolutions. He also coordinated Jordan's presidency of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and chaired the informal negotiations that led to the adoption by the General Assembly of a draft resolution on the role and activities of UNIFEM. In addition, Mr. Hyassat monitored the work of the Fifth Committee and, in 2004, served as Rapporteur of the Committee on Conferences.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

In 1999, Mr. Hyassat, a career diplomat, joined the Ministry. There, he worked as an attaché to the Cabinet of the Foreign Minister, which enabled him to gain great exposure to a wide range of political and multilateral issues. Prior to this, from 1994 to 1999, Mr. Hyassat worked at a law office, where he handled administrative, labour and tax cases.

While serving in New York, Geneva and Vienna, Mr. Hyassat acquired extensive multilateral experience and knowledge of the United Nations system. In particular, he was involved in chairing and facilitating negotiations on draft resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and other United Nations organs and bodies. He also participated in many international conferences and took part in other meetings and regional workshops as an invited speaker.

Mr. Hyassat, a lawyer, was born in 1972. He holds an LLM degree in intellectual property from the University of Turin/World Intellectual Property Organization Academy (Italy), a Higher Diploma in diplomacy and foreign service studies from the Jordan Institute of Diplomacy and a BA in law from the University of Jordan. In addition to being a native speaker of Arabic, he is fluent in English and has a good command of French and Spanish.